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: METHOD OF BONDING METAL PLATES, APPARATUS

THEREFOR AND HOT STRIP MILL

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Sir:

In accordance with the enclosed Petition to Revive an Abandoned Application and in response to a Final Patent Office Action of January 16, 2003 which was sent to an incorrect address, Applicants provide the following amendments and comments concerning the allowability of the subject matter of claims 1, 2 and 47-49.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page $\underline{2}$ of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.